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DIFFERENCES IN WHEAT AND PADDY PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and bonus paid for rice and wheat during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the MSP and bonus to farmers during the ensuing seasons;

(c) if so, the details thereof, Crop-wise and the time by which it is likely to be implemented;

(d) whether there is also a proposal to bring parity in the MSP for wheat and rice; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy and wheat for the last three years is indicated in the Table below:

(Rs.per Quintal)

Year	Paddy		Wheat	
	MSP	Bonus	MSP	Bonus
	Common	Grade A		
2005-06	570	600 -	650	50
2006-07	580	610	40	750	100
2007-08	645	675	100	1000	-

Bonus was payable on procurement between 1.10.2006 to 31.03.2007. In case of Bihar and Kerala, bonus was extended up to 31.5.2007 and in case of Andhra Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Orissa, Tamilnadu and West Bengal, bonus was extended up to 30.9.2007.

(b)to(e): The Government decides on the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for various agricultural commodities taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries as well as such other relevant factors which are considered important for fixation of support prices.With regard to price parity in the MSP for wheat and rice, CACP takes into account inter crop price parity also alongwith other factors while formulating its recommendations.